



Revelation 6:11-17

The fifth seal.

The Fifth seal

- Christ opens the seal
- Interesting that this seal does not seem like a judgement.
- However, judgement does not always means bad.
- Under the Alter
 - What does this mean?
 - a *place of sacrifice*, that is, an *altar* (specifically or generally, literally or figuratively): - altar.
 - To be under the alter is to be under the protection of.
 - Note this is how we can distinguish between groups.
 - Where is the church? (not under the alter)
 - Lev 4:7

The soul

- What makes humans different for all other creation.
 - In Gen 1:24 Let the earth bring forth living creatures.
 - THEN He said let us make man in our likeness.
 - Likeness being, spiritual.
 - *resemblance*; concretely *model, shape*; adverbially *like*: - fashion, like (-ness, as), manner, similitude.
 - Image
 - *hade*; a *phantom*, that is, (figuratively) *illusion, resemblance*; hence a representative *figure*, especially an *idol*: - image,
- Gen 2:7
 - He formed the body from dust.
 - He gave the breath of life.

The Soul

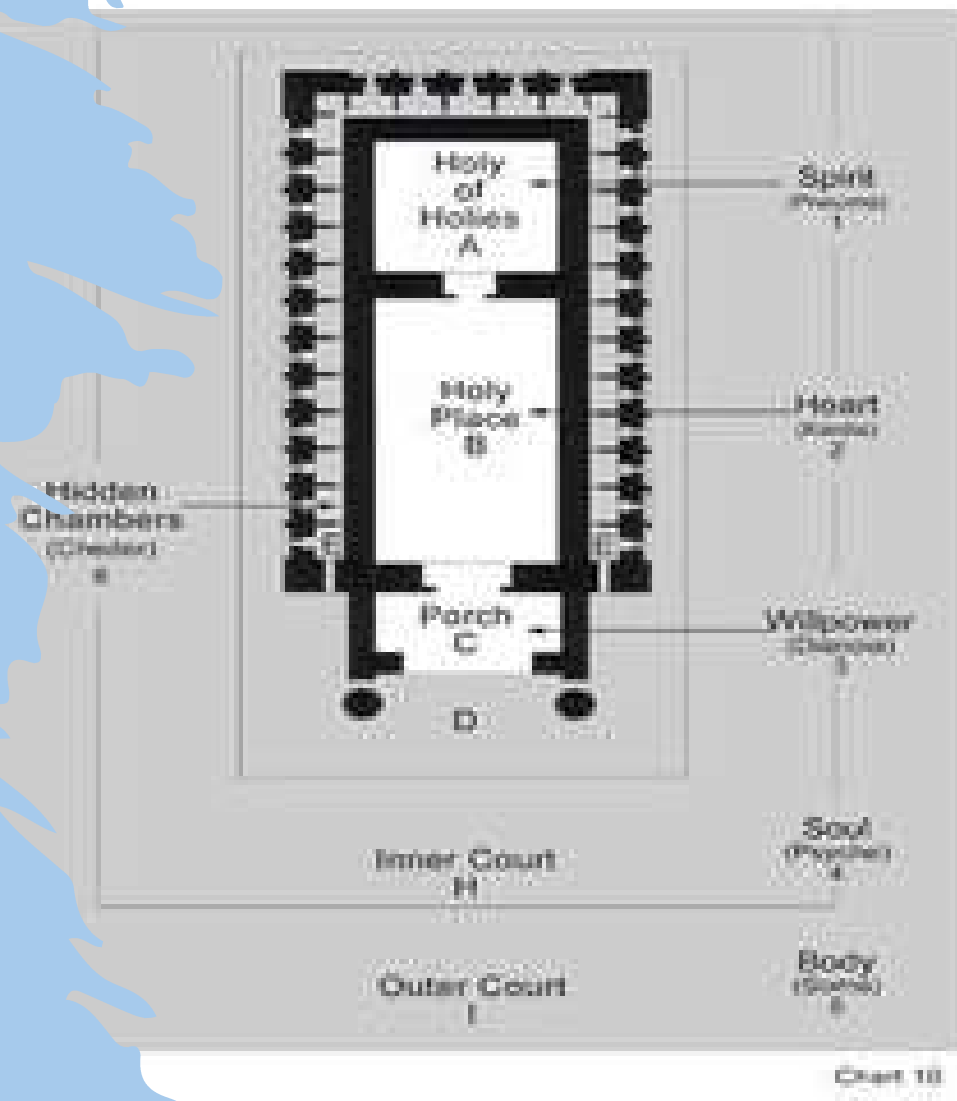
- A man's soul includes his intellect, his emotions, and his will.
- They maintain that all people have such a soul.
- A person's spirit, however, is a higher faculty that only comes alive when a person becomes a Christian (see Romans 8:10: "If Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness").

The Soul

- So far we have...
- The body (the Hardware)
- The soul (the Software)
- What about the spirit?
- The spirit is the part of us that most directly worships and prays to God (see John 4:24 and Philippians 3:3).
- The Spirit was alive in Adam when God gave him the breath of life.
 - Some believe that the Spirit and the Soul are the same.

The make up of Man

- 1 Cor 10:6
- When Adam was created, he was created Spirit leading his Soul, which in turn leads the body.
- When Adam sinned, his spirit died thus inverting the order.
- Think about this. Romans 8:12-16, Gal 5:13-26
- When we are “born again”, it is our spirits that are resurrected!
- Thus putting back into the correct order of Spirit leads the Soul, soul leads the body.



The Battle

- Romans 7:14-25
- 1 Peter 2:11
- Gal 5:17
- The flesh wants to rule again!
- This is why the flesh must be put to death! It is corrupted.
- 1 Corn 15:29-49
- Your soul's condition is a direct relationship of your Spirit.



The Soul

- So now we understand what the Body, Soul and Spirit is.
- Revelation 6:9 It is only the souls that are present in the scene.
 - Where are their bodies?
 - In the grave.
- It is the Souls/Spirit of those who in the tribulation were killed for their belief.
 - Gen 4:10-11
 - These are the ones that were killed either by the attack from the world/ antichrist and or the 4 judgements from the first four seals.

The Soul and Body reunited.

- The first resurrection takes place in various stages.
- Jesus Christ Himself (the “first fruits,” 1 Corinthians 15:20), paved the way for the resurrection of all who believe in Him.
- There will be the resurrection of “the dead in Christ” at the Lord’s rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:16)
- The resurrection of the martyrs at the end of the tribulation (Revelation 20:4).
- The Old Testament saints will also be raised at the end of the tribulation, and they are also part of the first resurrection.

The Soul and Body reunited.

- Revelation 20:12-13 identifies those comprising the second resurrection as the wicked judged by God at the great white throne judgment prior to being cast into the lake of fire.
- The second resurrection, then, is the raising of all unbelievers; the second resurrection is connected to the second death. It corresponds with Jesus' teaching of the "resurrection of damnation" (John 5:29).

The event which divides the first and second resurrections seems to be the millennial kingdom.

- The last of the righteous are raised to reign "with Christ a thousand years" (Revelation 20:4), but the "rest of the dead [that is, the wicked] lived not again until the thousand years were finished" (Revelation 20:5).

They were slain

- For the Word of God.
- Their Testimony which they held.
 - *evidence* given (judicially or generally): - record, report, testimony, witness.
 - Now think about that.
 - Do you have “testimony” in your life.
- What do they cry?
 - How long
 - You judge
 - You avenge

Earth dwellers

- On those who DWELL on the earth.
 - 2 Cor 2:5-7
 - A citizen is a person who legally belongs to a country and has the rights and protection of that country.
 - Citizens adopt the culture and practices of the nation or kingdom to which they belong
 - Every human being is born into the kingdom of this world, in which Satan rules (2 Corinthians 4:4).
 - Consequently, we grow up adopting the culture, practices, and values that he instigates (Genesis 3:1; 1 John 2:16).
 - Satan's kingdom enslaves its citizens (Romans 6:16).
 - With darkened hearts and minds, we blindly follow our leader into the very sins that pull us deeper into slavery. We remain captives in this kingdom of sin, headed for destruction, until Jesus frees us (Ephesians 2:1–4).
 - Philippians 3:18–19 highlights the differences between those who desire fellowship with Jesus Christ and those who focus on earthly pursuits.
 - Those who do not know Christ live only for this world and the pleasure they can find for themselves. They are “citizens” of this world and live by its rules and value system. (Snakes)

Earth dwellers

- When we are born again by faith in Jesus Christ (John 3:3), we are born into the Kingdom of God(Romans 14:17).
- Speaking of those who have had that spiritual rebirth, Philippians 3:20 says, “Our citizenship is in heaven.
- And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.”
- They are told to wait. (be in peace)
 - Until their number is completed.
 - By being killed. (Rev 7:1317)
- They were given a white robe. (as proof of the peace they have)
 - Again, look at the timing of all this.
 - When do we have white robes. (Rev 4:4)